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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: 31ST UNGA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI TELLS ME HE PLANS TO ATTEND UNGA THIS YEAR, AND WILL PROBABLY BE THERE FOR TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AT BEGINNING OF SESSION. MINISTER OF STATE SAIF GHUBBASH, NUMBER TWO IN MFA, WOULD THEN REPLACE HIM AS HEAD OF UAE DELEGATION. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE PLANS, ETA'S ETC. AS DATE FOR UNGA OPENING DRAWS CLOSER.

2. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT SUWAIDI IS IN EFFECT PRIME MINISTER OF THIS COUNTRY, PLAYING KEY ROLE IN DOMESTIC AS WELL AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AS SHAIKH ZAYED'S RIGHT-HAND ADVISOR, SUWAIDI HAS DONE FINE JOB OF GUIDING UAE IN FIRST FIVE YEARS OF ITS INDEPENDENCE. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS HE HAS MAINTAINED UAE'S BASIC WESTERN ORIENTATION, HAS FOLLOWED COURSE THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY KEPT THIS STILL INTERNALLY-FRAGMENTED NATION FREE OF FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS, AND HAS RESOLVED OR ALLEVIATED MANY OF BORDER PROBLEMS THAT WERE LEGACY OF THIS AREA'S COLONIAL PAST. UNDER HIS BENIGN GUIDANCE, US-UAE BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE PROSPERED THESE PAST TWO YEARS. SUWAIDI IS ALSO ARCHITECT OF UAE POLICY OF CHANNELING HIGH PROPORTION OF ITS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, ON BASIS OF PERCEPTION

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HE SHARES WITH USG THAT SURVIVAL OF MODERATE REGIME

IC CAIRO IS VITAL TO SECURITY OF MIDDLE EAST AS WHOLE.

3. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MEETING BE SCHEDULED WITH SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN MINISTER AT SOME POINT DURING LATTER'S STAY IN NEW YORK. IF IT TURNS OUT SUWAIDI'S STAY IN NEW YORK DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH SECRETARY'S PRESENCE, SUWAIDI WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON AT ANY TIME FOR MEETING AT SECRETARY'S CONVENIENCE. MEETING NEED NOT BE LONG, BUT HALF HOUR OR SO ACCORDED HIM WOULD GIVE VALUABLE BOOST TO OUR GROWING BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING UAE SUPPORT FOR MODERATE FORCES IN MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY'S RECEIVING SUWAIDI WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF LAVISH HOSPITALITY UAEG EXTENDED TO SECRETARY SIMON AND ITS KEEP DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TO CANCEL HIS VISIT HERE TWO YEARS AGO.

4. IF MEETING CAN BE SCHEDULED, I RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FIRST EXPRESS OUR PLEASURE AT STEADY GROWTH OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND AT RESPONSIBLE AND MODERATE ROLE UAE HAS INCREASINGLY PLAYED BOTH WITHIN OPEC AND IN EXTENDING ASSISTANCE TO MIDDLE EASTERN STATES COMMITTED TONEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT. SUWAIDI WOULD APPRECIATE SECRETARY'S OF PROSPECTS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS, ANYTHING SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO SAY IN THIS CONTEXT ABOUT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CONTINUED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT UPON HIM.

5. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS THAT WE KNOW OF FOR UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYED TO ATTEND UNGA, AND IN OUR JUDGEMENT POSSIBILITY OF THIS IS UNLIKELY.
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